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Title: AN X-RAY IMAGING METHOD AND A 3D-ROTATIONAL X-RAY APPARATUS FOR APPLYING THIS METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (amended) An X-ray imaging method according to claim 1, characterized in that the reconstruction is combined with modelling techniques.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claim 5 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore

reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

5. (amended) An X-ray imaging method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the reconstruction is combined with modelling techniques.